

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) released this statement for the Congressional Record:

Ms. McCollum: Madam Speaker, today on the eighth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we honor the memory of the victims, extend our thoughts and prayers to the victims' families, and recognize the heroism and courage displayed during rescue and recovery missions. It is a day none of us will ever forget.

Our response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 will define the meaning of that terrible day, and it will define us as a country. While we remain focused on preserving America's security, we must be equally resolute in our commitment to protect the values and character that define America.

The legacy of September 11, 2001 will not be destruction, but instead a spirit of service that will strengthen our nation for generations to come. For this reason, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 718, which calls on all Americans to observe September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of those who were injured or lost their lives and in tribute to those who came to the aid of those in need. This resolution also challenges all Americans to continue to live with the same spirit of unity, service, and compassion that was exhibited following the attacks.

As we continue to mourn the victims of that awful tragedy eight years ago, I encourage all Americans to volunteer to serve their communities today and throughout the year.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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